

- MINUTES -
CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 6, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7 p.m.

2.Pledge of Allegiance

2.A. Lead by Chaska Cub Scout Pack #301

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Present: Mayor Windschitl and Councilmembers Grau, Hatfield, and Hubbard.

Absent: Councilmember Huang

Also Present: Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator; Noel Graczyk, Administrative Services Director; Kevin Wright, Communication Director; Elise Durbin, Assistant Administrator; Marshall Grange, Parks and Recreation Director; Nate Kabat, Community Development Director; Liz Hanson, City Planner; Jake Saufley, City Attorney; Matt Haefner, Water and Sewer Director; and Matt Clark, City Engineer.

4. Adopt the Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation

Members of Cub Scout Pack #301 introduced themselves to the Council.

Abigail O'Reilly, 112241 Hutchins Court, noted her concerns about the environment. She shared statistics on car emissions and encouraged the Council address environmental concerns. She added she and others share concerns about pedestrian safety in Chaska.

Mayor Windschitl agreed the state of the environment is concerning. He listed some initiatives he and the Council are working on to address the issue such as windmills, solar garden, and vehicle charging stations. City Administrator Matt Podhradsky explained 40 percent of energy in Chaska is coming from renewable energy and provided details on ways Chaska residents can contribute to sustainable practices.

Councilmember Hubbard noted Ms. O'Reilly was very brave to address her concerns to the Council and encouraged her to continue her work. She noted there is upcoming funding for Safe Routes to School.

Councilmember Grau stated the Cub Scouts are a group of aspiring leaders and he thanked them for their time.

6. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

6.A. Approve the January 23, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023 City Council meeting.

Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Hubbard asked, in relation to Consent Agenda Item A. Ordinance 2023-1029 Amending Chapter 10, Article 20, Section 40 of the Chaska City Code, if there is a concern with the proximity to downtown. City Administrator Matt Podhradsky stated if there were issues, the City has good relationships with the neighborhood and can address concerns.

Kevin Steiner, Vice President of the Association, explained it is a community for those aged 55 and above. The goal is for residents to have better access to the Clubhouse and events.

Councilmember Grau asked if it would make sense for the reasoning to be included in the amendment. He noted concerns about a slippery slope. Mr. Podhradsky stated he would recommend against the idea because not all retirement living areas should be able to have golf carts. However, Staff will put together an alternative amendment option for the Council to review.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the Consent Agenda Items A through D, as amended to include the directive to Staff to include reasoning for the amendment for Item A:

- A. Ordinance 2023-1029 Amending Chapter 10, Article 20, Section 40 of the Chaska City Code

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-1029 amending Chapter 10, Article 20, Section 40 of the Chaska City Code related to Motorized Golf Carts.

- B. Approve Cooperative Construction Agreement and Retaining Wall Maintenance Agreement - Oak Ridge Development - TH 41 Roundabout

Authorize the Mayor and City Administrator execute the Assignment of Cooperative Construction Agreement and Retaining Wall Maintenance Agreement for the Oak Ridge Development - TH 41 Roundabout and Highway Improvements Project.

- C. Adopt Resolution 2023-11 - Accepting Gifts and Donations

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-11 acknowledging and accepting gifts to the City of Chaska received during the period October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

- D. Approve Parks and Recreation Chair and Vice Chair

Motion to appoint David Downs as Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson and to appoint Jason Branch as Parks and Recreation Commission Vice-Chairperson.

Motion carried.

8. Action Items

8.A. Commission Appointments: Planning, Park & Recreation, Human Rights & Heritage Preservation

Mayor Windschitl thanked community members for applying to Commissions. He explained all spots have been filled except for a student position on the Parks & Recreation Commission. He read through the Commission appointments.

Motion by Councilmember Hubbard, second by Councilmember Grau to appoint commission members with associated term of office as presented.

Councilmember Grau thanked the community for the numerous applications and encouraged continued applications.

Motion carried.

9. Bills

9.A. Accounts Payable Claims Roster 6-2-2023

The Council requested further information about bills (CDW Government, Eureka Construction, Trace Inc., Town & Country Glass).

City Administrator Podhradsky provided further information regarding those bills.

Motion by Councilmember Grau, second by Councilmember Hatfield to approve the bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Hatfield, Hubbard, Grau and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None
Motion carried.

10. Other Business

10.A. City Administrator's Report

10.A.i. Bi-Weekly Report Day-Month-2023

Councilmember Grau:

- Wished his son Noah a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Hatfield:

- Noted the Ice Garden starts the upcoming weekend at Fireman's Park.

Councilmember Hubbard:

- Stated the Little Tots Sweethear Dance is February 17 at 6:30 p.m.
- Pointed out the ice fishing event was really well attended although the ice conditions were not appropriate for ice fishing.
- Attended the Community of Belongings session, which is a three-part conversation.

Assistant City Administrator Elise Durbin:

- Noted the sheetpiling on the Highway 41 project will go through next Wednesday. The sidewalks will be opened temporarily after the sheetpiling is complete.

City Administrator Podhradsky:

- Stated Councilmember Huang presented at a legislative breakfast to champion funding for Southwest Transit.
- Provided an update on renewable energy sources and noted points for future discussion.

Mayor Windschitl:

- Noted some previously planted trees are being removed because they aren't doing well.
- Added the next meeting is February 27, 2023, and he will be out of town.
- Stated there will be employee recognition in March.

10.B. Approve HRC Meeting Minutes 10-27-2022, 11-17-2022 and 12-29-2022

10.C. 4th-Qtr 2022 Investment Report dated February 6, 2023

10.D. Financial Reports as of 11/30/2022

10.E. Hawk Pride Recap

11. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Hatfield, second by Councilmember Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Motion carried.